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The references were cited in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of a Japanese Office Action (for JP 2004-175452) is attached as well as an English language translation of same for the Examiner's information.

References JP 1-124608 and JP 4-272206 have English language abstracts but do not have English language counterparts. The concise relevance of these references is believed to be provided by the Japanese Office Action, the English language abstracts, and the figures.

References JP 35-9652 and JP 59-114905 do not have English language abstracts or English language counterparts. The concise relevance of these references is believed to be provided by the attached Japanese Office Action.

One of the references cited in the Japanese Office Action (JP 2001-336022) is currently before the Examiner of this case as having been submitted in a prior Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,



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